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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of Michael D. Vrbanac of Seattle, Washington and Sherry L. Thomson of Burien, Washington, entitled GRANULAR POLYSACCHARIDE HAVING ENHANCED SURFACE CHARGE.

X 1. This application is a continuation of prior Application No. 09/421,621, filed October 19, 1999, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

X 2. A copy of the request for a 3-month extension of time to extend pendency of the prior application to at least the filing date of this application is enclosed.

X 3. An application consisting of 29 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 1 sheet of drawings is attached.

X 4. A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the above-noted prior application is attached. This application is a continuation, no new matter has been added to this application, and no new inventors have been named. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

X 5. The prior application was assigned to Weyerhaeuser Company, by an Assignment recorded at Reel 010331/Frame 0723.

X 6. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

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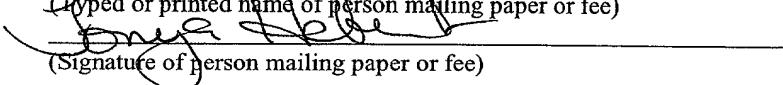
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